



ELORA GORGE KARATE DOJO

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March Newsletter

Spring, could it be? Well let's hope so.

I would first like to apologize for not getting this notice out sooner, but the dojo has been very busy as of late.

March Break

Classes have continued on during the break. Students have been working hard on preparing for our Tournament.

Gorge Karate Tournament Day

Gorge Karate Dojo is hosting our first event as part of the IMGKA. This event will bring other students and Dojos together to compete in friendly competition, a showcase of the students' hard work. The tournament date is Sunday March 24th at Elora Public School from 10:00 am till approximately 4:00pm. Spectator fees are as follows: Adults \$5, Children 6-14 \$2, Children under 5 Free.

Tournament Pre-Registration

Students are to Pre-Register with us at the Dojo before the 24th. This will help to ease the number of people at the door the day of the event. Registration is \$40 for 3 events or the event of student's choice.

Tournament Volunteers

A lot of work goes into planning and producing this event. We can always use an extra hand if you would like to help us, we would be happy to put you to work. We will need scorekeepers, Set-up and others. If you wish to help please let us know at the Dojo and we will set you up.

World Championships

Recently Sensei Bill and Sensei Jerry travelled to a tournament in Modesto, California. We got to see many cool things and we participated in an IMGKA World Tournament. I am pleased to report that Sensei Jerry earned a Third Place in his Kata division and Sensei Bill also placed third for Kate in his division.

A Big Thank-You

While we were in California, the Dojo was in the good care of Sensei Dave, Sensei Jim, Sensei Bryce as well as Sensei Astrid. I wish to thank them all for their hard work and for giving their time. Thanks Guys!

Special Visit

Some of the students had a very special class. Akihito Yagi Sensei, the President of the Meibukan Association was in our Dojo. He travelled from Okinawa, Japan to Brantford, Ontario to give Seminars of Karate Instruction to Dojos in our area. We were honoured to have Sensei in our Dojo on Tuesday March 12th. It was an excellent evening of hard training and good fellowship. Arigato Sensei Akihito Yagi!

So, in closing, our Dojo is working hard to help each other in our practice of Martial Arts. A Club is only as strong as its members. Together we are on the right path.

Thanks to All,
Sensei Bill Stimpson